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## From the Desk

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## of the Director

Greetings from the new HCPD Director, Linda Parsons.

This is the first time I have had to tell you how excited I am to be part of your organization. I have been here now for approximately 5 weeks and although I feel a little overwhelmed by all the information I have been trying to cram into my head, I am in awe at the time and dedication it has taken our many members and volunteers to compile the vast amount of facts that I have found here at the library.

As we watch the leaves change to all the beautiful colors of fall, we are now looking at the last of the fall foliage and are anticipating our first big snowfall.

We have done for several fundraising efforts this fall. One was our Annual Yard Sale. We received so many donations items for the sale that we were running out of room to put them all out to where you could see them properly. But between the yard sale items and the hotdog sales, we had a great day fundraising. Sunday, October 30, we had a Baked Steak Dinner with all the fixings to go with it. We fed 115 people. Of course we had some great desserts to top off the meal which were donated by our volunteers.

One of the things that has impressed me the most is the willingness of our volunteers to give up their time and energy to help out at the library and with the special events, I am simply amazed with the dedication I have seen here and I am honored to be a part of this group.

On a different note, I hope that you have all tried out our new website that was up and running as of the middle of October. It is a wealth of information at your finger tips and can be a great resource for you to use and to keep up with what we are doing here. You can also order books on line that would be a great help in finding facts for your family genealogy studies.

In closing I would like to say how much I appreciate the dedication of the volunteers and members and the warm welcome to the "new kid on the block" and hope we will have a long and enjoyable future together.

*Linda*

Now the children who have found each other have had a reunion and was joined by their mother's sister, Edna Mae McHENRY.

There are still questions that these children would like to know about their parents. Sherry thinks that they were never married and that their mother had her first child at the age of fourteen years.

It also appears that after their mother left, their father with the children, he also left them to forage for themselves. At some time later, the mother remarried and their father became ill and died.

Some questions may never be answered but the most important thing is that these two children have met and are getting to know their siblings.

Eva has continued researching the family and has found the mother's parents and will explore more about them. Thanks to Cary, the father's side of the family has already been researched.

Eva said, "Being a part of helping these two children meet each other has been a highlight of my life. I wish them all the best."

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## JOHNSON

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He made a marker that he wanted me to have erected at her grave site but the genealogy bug had not bitten me at that time. My older brother took care of getting the marker erected.

C. M. also had tombstones set for Martha's husband and their son at Kesling Mill, West Virginia. But his real contribution was his work getting the JOHNSON genealogy back to Elijah JOHNSON born in 1782 and the assistance he gave to many other budding genealogists.

There are many others that he helped get started in genealogy. Among his many friends and fellow genealogists is Joy DeFazio. Joy tells the story of how C. M. influenced her and helped develop her interest in genealogy. They both were SQUIRES descendents and had this common connection. Joy with her many contributions to genealogy in general and specifically to HCPD is a shining example of the influence C. M., the master genealogist, had with people. However, there are a myriad of others whom he touched, but they are, in many cases, unknown!

menu on the left> Voila! You will be on a page that has your membership information, a place to Log-Off, and the place to add surnames to the Surname Research. Now that you are in this location, you can input your information.

If you have any problems, please e-mail me at [joy@hackerscreek.com](mailto:joy@hackerscreek.com) or call me at home at 304-842-0151.

Our second big change was the retirement of our executive director, Betty Ann **NICHOLSON**, just three days after we went "LIVE" with the new website. At the same time, we gained a new executive director, Linda **PARSONS**. Linda lives in Jane Lew and has experience as a supervisor and working with volunteers, etc.

The best part of Betty Ann's retirement is that we haven't lost her; because, effective immediately, she was named our new treasurer. Our former treasurer, Cary **WILLIAMS**, resigned to assume his place on the board as our Junior Past President. President Mary **CREAMER** then appointed Betty Ann in Cary's stead. The Junior Past President's spot was recently vacated by Maurice **ALLMAN** for health reasons.

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## STORIES & QUERIES WANTED

This is YOUR Hacker's Creek Journal. We welcome submissions of stories and queries!

While there is no criteria for story length, ideal stories would be 1500-2500 words. Please submit no more than one or two photos with a story.

Check the queries in this issue for an idea about formatting a query.

**SURNAMES** in all stories and Queries should be capitalized and bolded as those are in the stories in this issue.

E-mail stories and queries to [joy@hackerscreek.com](mailto:joy@hackerscreek.com) or mail to: 45 Abbotts Run Road, Horner, WV 26378.

(Book A, Page 5) I have no proof but one would presume that, once more, Jno. **WAGNER** was the bondsman.

You might surmise that Peter and John were also friends, because together they purchased a lot for six hundred dollars in Morgantown on 31 March 1818. Peter was living in Harrison County, (W)V, at the time of the sale.

A note of interest: all three marriages were performed by Rev. John Wade **LOOFBOROUGH**.

Monongalia County, (West) Virginia, Land Entry Book 217 has Peter **SWISHER** with land dated 19 April 1782, 100 acres on Decker's Creek and 130 acres located on Aaron's Creek, dated 15 September 1783. Both locations are in or near Morgantown.

Therefore, we can theorize several of Peter's children were born in Monongalia County, (W)V, maybe on Aaron's Creek.

I now have the following birthdates listed for the following children:

Jacob <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 9 June 1777
Peter <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 11 March 1779
Margaret <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 31 January 1781
Dorothy <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 15 December 1783
Frederick <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 15 October 1784
John <b>SWISHER</b>	b. abt. 1789
Isaac <b>SWISHER</b>	b. 15 July 1793
Susannah <b>SWISHER</b>	b. abt. 1795
Elizabeth <b>SWISHER</b>	b. abt. 1797

At some point in time, this German Bible became the property of Isaac **SWISHER** (1793-1854). The next owner was his son Isaac Francis **SWISHER** (1837-1896). He bestowed the Bible and a very old wooden clock belonging to his father to his daughter Mary "Ellen" **SWISHER** (1871-1963). Ellen, on 28 August 1893, married Otto Dennis **McKEEVER**.

From this marriage arrived four children, Harold, Mildred, Christine and Steven.

Mary Ellen selected Christine to be the new custodian of the clock and Bible.

Christine moved to New York City where she married a Mr. **NICOSIA**. There was no issue from this marriage so, in October 1973, Christine opted to give both articles to her great-niece, Sherida

## **Book Review: A Swisher Family by Joy DeFazio**

When I first began research the Hacker's Creek area in the late 1970s was one written by Robert Edward **SWISHER** about the **SWISHER** family. The now sold-out book, **The SWISHER Family of Harrison and Lewis Counties, West Virginia** served as a jumping off point for me for other families in the area including my own **HACKER** family.

Now Bob has written another book about his family titled: **A SWISHER Family, Some Descendants of Mary and Peter Swisher, West Virginia Pioneers.**

Some portions of this new book were from a family history written by the late Albert Willis **SWISHER** in 1932. Also included are portions of the **Bible** mentioned in story *True or False* which appeared in Vol. XXIX, Iss. 3, **Hacker's Creek Journal**. and is again reprinted here, beginning on p. 6, due to errors in that publication,.

Bob **SWISHER** clearly states that his book is not about the entire family but rather "focuses on the author's line of descent from Mary and Peter Swisher (Mary & Peter **SWISHER** > Susanah **RINEHART** & Peter **SWISHER**, Jr. > Mary **BORAM** & George Washington **SWISHER** > Samira **PETERSON** & Thomas Ervin **SWISHER** > Ella **HYER** & Hugh **SWISHER**) but altogether the book mentions 64 **SWISHERs**.

Mary and Peter **SWISHER** settled in (West) Virginia in the late 1700's. There are today probably thousands of people living all over the United States who descend from this pioneer couple. "A Swisher Family" includes stories about life on the farm, the family's experiences during the Civil War and more.

"A Swisher Family" is 112 pages. It includes 34 pictures (2 in color) and extensive source citations. It was printed by Owen Printing/Dietz Press on high-quality, acid-free paper.

Copies of "A Swisher Family" can be ordered from the author for \$16.50 each (includes postage). For an order of four or more copies to be sent to the same address copies are \$12.50 each (includes postage). Make checks payable to "Robert E. Swisher" and mail to the author at 4101 Crestwood Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227.

Email Bob at [BobSwisRic@aol.com](mailto:BobSwisRic@aol.com).



1. Amelia/Milly **McNEMAR**. Born 26 Nov 1798 [calculated]; died 27 Nov 1878. Never married.
2. Elias **McNEMAR**. Born 1800; died about 1851. Married Catherine **HILKEY**, 26 Oct 1820.
3. Nancy **McNEMAR**. Born 8 Feb 1802 [calculated]; died 9 April 1882. Married Jacob **HILKEY**, 14 Sept 1820.
4. John **McNEMAR**. Born about 1804; died about 1855-1860. Married (1) Francis **HARRIS**, 2 Oct 1823; (2) Elizabeth **SMITH**, about 1855 but no marriage record located.
5. Joseph **McNEMAR**. Born 22 March 1809 [calculated]; died 11 Jan 1892. Married Rachel **BRADFORD**, 2 Feb 1833.
6. Joanna **McNEMAR**. Born probably about 1810; died before 9 Sept 1840, unmarried and without children. No further information.
7. Wesley B. **McNEMAR**. Born probably about 1812; died 1860. Married Rebecca **PARK**, 30 May 1840.
8. Philip **McNEMAR**. Born 3 Aug 1812; died March 1860. He and his family lived at West Union, Doddridge County, WV. Married Mary Ann **BOBO**, 18 March 1830.
9. William **McNEMAR**. Born May 1818; died 21 Sept 1900. Never married.
10. Jacob **McNEMAR**. Born 30 Dec 1820; died 18 Sept 1879. Married Margaret **COOL**, 28 May 1844. He moved his family to Cherokee County, Kansas in about 1873. Oral history among Jacob's descendants says that Jacob's son Albert Sydney Johnson **McNEMAR** was the 7<sup>th</sup> son of a 7<sup>th</sup> son. Albert was a 7<sup>th</sup> son, but the case file pertaining to Joseph **McNEMAR**'s estate, however, documents him as father of a total of 8 sons.
11. Martin **McNEMAR**. Born about 1824-1825; died before the 9 Sept 1860 death of father, unmarried and without children. No further information.
12. Sarah **McNEMAR**. Born August 1825; died 1 Feb 1913. Married John **DIVERS**, 7 Sept 1873, no children.

Several researchers have assumed that Joseph **McNEMAR** Sr. was a son of Joseph **McNAMARROW/ McNEMAR** and his wife Elizabeth (often identified as a **BROWNING** but without documentation) who lived on Town Fort Run, near Moorefield, Hardy County. That parentage is doubtful but documentation is lacking. Information from the



the two men were too close in age to have been brothers. More research is needed to answer the question.

A direct descendant of Joseph **McNEMAR Sr.** (Mary Virginia **McNEMAR MILLER**) provided Gary **TUCKER** with a photograph of handwriting found on the inside of the cover of an ancient Bible of the early **McNEMAR** family. The only writing found in the old Bible says "Sarah Frye, her hand and pen, 1773." Mary Miller said the book was once owned by her father, Benjamin Franklin **McNEMAR** and that it had been handed down from his great-grandfather (this would be Joseph **McNEMAR Sr.**) to Joseph's son John **McNEMAR** and ultimately to Ben **McNEMAR**. Is it possible that this Bible originally belonged to Sarah Frye, probable wife of Philip **McNEMAR Sr.** and probable mother of Joseph **McNEMAR Sr.**, prior to her marriage? The Lewis County death record of Philip **McNEMAR Jr.** lists the names of his parents as Philip and Sallie **McNEMAR**. Philip **McNEMAR Jr.** and Joseph **McNEMAR Sr.** were almost certainly brothers. Could they have been children of Philip **McNEMAR Sr.** and Sarah **FRYE**? If so, perhaps Philip **McNEMAR Sr.** was married twice, to Mary Corder and Sarah Frye? Again, more research is needed to answer the question.

On the basis of circumstantial evidence of several origins, there is a high probability that Joseph **McNAMARROW** of Town Fort Run and Philip **McNEMAR Sr.** of Knobley Mountain were brothers. If so, that would make **MARTIN McNEMAR** and Joseph **McNEMAR Sr.** first cousins.

An article that appeared on p. 15 of Volume 8, Issue 1 of the HCPD Newsletter makes reference to an old **McNEMAR** house located at Lahmansville, Grant County, WV. A careful evaluation of old deeds and surveys has shown that the information provided in that article is incorrect. That old house, which probably was constructed in the 1700s, has been restored to its original splendor and has been moved to a different location on the north end of Lahmansville instead of the south end. Deeds and surveys show conclusively that the house at Lahmansville was the longtime home of **MARTIN McNEMAR**, son of Joseph **McNAMARROW**, and later of **MARTIN's** son Col. Joseph **McNEMAR**, onetime Hardy County sheriff. The 324-acre farm on which Joseph **McNEMAR Sr.** lived at **MARTIN** was the same 324-acre farm on Knobley Mountain that was earlier owned by Philip **McNEMAR Sr.**,

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Cecil **BUCKHANNON**, Rt. 1, Crawford, Lewis Co., 1-ton truck with Ruxtell axel, closed cab, 1927 model, in good shape, good tires; will trade for farm horse, not over 12 years old, or stock cow or something of equal value.

Thomas W. **TITCHNELL**, Rt. 1, Terra Alta, Preston Co., Trade Gearhart knitting machine, cost \$85 when new, for pigs, chickens, or something of equal value.

Mrs. O. B. **MEADOWS**, Bellepoint, Summers Co., Enterprise sausage mill, large size, No. 12, \$2.50; also Sanitary Economy King Separator, No. 14, capacity 6 cows, used few times, cost \$50, sell for \$30.

H. A. **YEAGER**, Bartow, Pocahontas Co., 2 pairs buggy harness for surrey or light work.

Harlan **IRONS**, Kerens, Randolph Co., 10-hp upright boiler and engine; also shingle rig with automatic feed; sell outfit for \$175, or trade for cattle or equal value.

S. H. **EMERICK**, Elizabeth, Wirt Co., Ford 1-ton truck, '21, farm body, in running order; sell, or trade for good cow or brood sow; also Cyclone seed-sower, \$4.

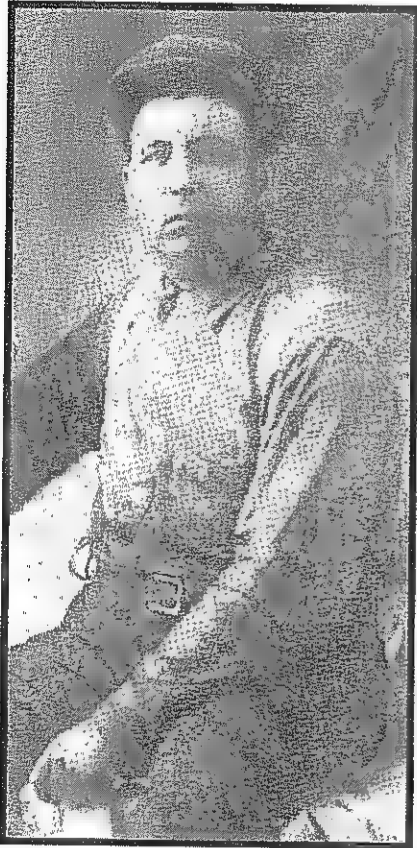
O. F. **HANEY**, Allister, Wetzel Co., Horse-power hay baler; light buckboard buggy, 2-seated; heavy buckboard; Montgomery Ward cut-off saw rig outfit, 5-hp; two 2-wheeled hand carts; feed cutter; mans' saddle; post grain cradle; 3 ¾-inch Kramer wagon; hillside plow; McCormick mowing machine. Priced to sell, or trade for farm horse or colts in or close Wetzel County.

W. Glenn **McDERMOTT**, Mt. Alto, Jackson Co., Steadfast farm saddle, in fair condition.

Ralph **COTTRILL**, Rinehart, Harrison Co., Ford truck, ¼-ton 1925 model, in fine running order, new tires; trade for good farm horse.

Mrs. H. M. **HARLOW**, 1947 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Huntington, Cabell Co. Assorted varieties of gladioli bulbs. One dollar for 50 postpaid; also rooted plants, .07 cents each.

Violanta M. **BALLARD**, Willow Bend, Monroe Co. Rhodendron, azalea, and kalmia, .20 cents each; six for \$1. Lady slipper, 10 cents each or 3 for .25 cents; orders for .50 cents or over postpaid.



Ruth **WHITED**, Rt. 1, Box 26, Palestine, Wirt Co. Verbenia mixed, asters mixed, snapdragon, petunia and pansy .15 cents per dozen; carnations mixed, .25 cents per doz.; giant zinnias, cosmos, balsom, marigold, hollyhock, bachelors button, burning bush .05 cents per dozen; orders for .50 cents or over postpaid.

Mrs. Earl **SMITH**, Gates, Monroe Co. House flowers, 125 varieties, begonias, geraniums, cactus, flowering maples, coleus, fuchsia, plume plants and japonica, .03 per slip. .75 for \$2. Seventy five for \$2; wandering jew .15 cents per 12 slips; rooted plants .10 cents each; native trees, shrubs and flowers, all varieties, .10 cents each plus postage; fifty varieties house flowers, .05 cents each, 75 for \$2.  
(to be continued).

This bulletin excerpt was mailed to Mr. Ollie **MICK**, Camden, Lewis Co., WV, who was the grandfather of Audrey **MICK BRENNEMAN**.

A lot of times there are transcription mistakes which you can correct in the lower typed area. Move your cursor across the name and select the portion with the error, click and a window will open with the title **Add an update for name you selected**. You have choices now for name, or other information, use the down arrow. You must then choose a reason, again use the down arrow on the page, **and choose the item that best describes the problem**. Change the name, etc in the next blocks. Click on Submit Alternate. If you forget to put in the reason, you will get a message. Go to reason and select it. Another window will open View Member Contributions. Click Close, or if someone else has changed data, and you disagree, you can Add your own. If you make a mistake, you can click on the waste basket in that window and it removes your information. Also, if at any time you discover you were wrong, you can come back to the census report, select that name again and remove or correct your information.

An example of a huge transcription error occurred for one **COTTRELL** family for me. The report said the wife and children were black, but I knew better. When I looked at the original report, I found that the transcriber evidently read from bottom to top instead of top to bottom. Usually you will see **COTTRILL**, father's name; next line only mother's first name and so forth down the list. This particular family had a black servant. The person called everyone except the father black also and gave the rest of the family the servant's last name!

When you are trying to decipher poor handwriting on a page, certain letters can cause a lot of problems, especially a and o. I would find translations that had **CATTRELL**. If one compares that a/o with others on the page, one can clearly see it was an o, but not always. Script capital L and Capital S cause problems also. By the way corrections can help others find people now because they are added to the possible choices.

On one census report, I found many family transcriptions that were clearly wrong. I fixed those. By the way, the original stays in the report, your correction shows when someone runs the mouse across a line in the typed portion of the census. I then started looking up and down the rest of the page where I found numerous errors. I don't know what that transcriber was seeing, but it wasn't what I saw. Maybe because my handwriting is not so great now, I am able to read others better, I don't know.

there are several Thomas **COTTRELLs** around. Do not assume the record is for your relative. Hopefully it will have enough information to help you, but they don't always.

The best records for dates and full names are the war records. Some even tell you the street address they were living at when they filled out the registration cards.

You can also find some Social Security and State Death notices, and once in a while an obituary. Usually the Social Security Death Index only shows month and year. I have found the same person with very similar birth dates and similar names, if you are not sure do not use the information.

If you have any questions, please contact me:

Sondra **ELMORE REGER** [regers64@comcast.net](mailto:regers64@comcast.net)

Daughter of Gene Francis and Virginia **HUNT ELMORE**, Sr., Roane County, WV. Virginia is a daughter of George **HUNT** and Leona Hester **KEEN HUNT**, Roane and Calhoun Counties.

George is a son of William Henderson and Artensia T. **COTTRELL HUNT**, Roane and Calhoun Counties.

Gene is a son of Jacob Ott and Mary Jane **LOONEY ELMORE**, Roane County, WV and Botetourt, VA.

Jacob is a son of Andrew J. and Sarah Frances **SNODGRASS ELMORE**, Craig, VA.

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## Relationships

I bought one of those charts that shows what number a cousin is. My great uncle Fred has a kid named Bobby Joe Emil Jack (we use names generously here in Texas). Well, Emil married my wife's second cousin Eloise Faye Linda Sue (I always felt sorry for Emil, but what can you do?). Their kid, Hortence Rebecca Hot Stuff Marjorie, is, as best as I can figure, my kids 5th and 4th cousin. Now does that mean net nine, or four and a half? Anyway, Hot Stuff says she doesn't want any kids, thank goodness. The bad news is she is dating my nephew's wife's brother. Just in case Hot Stuff changes her mind, I checked the chart. I can't seem to figure this all out. My mother always said Great Uncle Fred's family was off the chart. I went back to the store where I bought the chart. They wouldn't give me my money back! – Dick DePriest

came from County Down, Ireland in 1807. Consequently, if the Samuel Wilson addressed in this document is related to Woodrow Wilson, the connection would be found in Ireland or Scotland.

A brief examination of the Grantor Index to Deeds, Augusta County Virginia from Dec 10, 1745 to Dec 31, 1930 reveals at least three Samuel **WILSON**'s with wives named Mary, Martha, and Jo Anna (Joanna). Quick examination of the Chronicles of the Scotch-Irish Settlements in Virginia, Extracted from the Original Court Records of August County, 1745-1800, three volumes created by Lyman **CHALKLEY**, provides short glimpses of these same Samuel **WILSON**'s. None of these Samuel Wilson's appears to be the one being addressed in this document.

Lewis County Wills & Appraisements, Vol. 1, 1817-1835, pages 250 & 251:

In the name of God Amen, I Samuel **WILSON** of the County of Lewis and State of Virginia being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory (for which I thank God) and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of all such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with\_\_1<sup>st</sup> I desire that all the perishable part of my estate be immediately sold after my decease, and out of the monies arising there from, all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid. Should the perishable part of my property prove insufficient for the above purpose then I desire that my Executors hereafter named may sell all my land that lies on the road run a dreare (Sic) of big Skin Creek, and out of the monies arising there from pay and satisfy of my just debts as shall remain unpaid out of the sales of the perishable part of my Estate\_\_2<sup>nd</sup> I give to my wife Jane **WILSON** all the beds, Household and Kitchen furniture\_\_3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath to my sons David **WILSON** and James **WILSON** all my lands lying in the County of Lewis to them and their heirs forever\_\_4<sup>th</sup> I give to my several children hereafter named, to the heirs of William **WILSON** dec'd, to Samuel **WILSON** Jr, Elizabeth **SUMMERS**, Margaret **BUSH**, Nancy

State of West Virginia, as having received in 1818 a 200-acre land grant near Big Skin Creek in Lewis County. His heirs are also listed as receiving in 1846 a 1550-acre land grant near the Sand Fork of Skin Creek. That these land grants belong to this particular Samuel **WILSON** is strongly verified by his mentioning property near Big Skin Creek in his will and absolutely verified by the 1846 land grant listing the same children, or heirs of them, as listed in his will.

The descriptions of these land grants will be the subject of future articles.

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#### **JOSEPH McNEMAR SR., RELATIVE OF FAMILY MEMBERS IN HCPD AREA**

the presumed father of Joseph **McNEMAR** Sr. of Martin, Catherine (**McNEMAR**) **DOLL** of Doll's Gap in Mineral County, and Philip **McNEMAR** Jr. of Lewis County. There is no evidence in public records that Philip **McNEMAR** Sr. ever lived at Lahmansville.



Shelby) Lodge No. 28, on July 4, 1835 and was elected Master at the same meeting although he had never held another Masonic office. It was said that for the next 29 years he conferred every degree, except two, in this Lodge. At that time the Lodge met at Shelbyville (Indiana) and at Hanover (Indiana) near Morristown, and had to maintain two Lodge halls. After a period in which the charter of the Lodge was arrested it was restored with one location only, and that at Shelbyville.

He accumulated a collection of books on Masonry numbering more than 2,000 volumes and presented it to the Scottish Rite of Indianapolis in 1883. The library, insured for \$12,000, was destroyed by fire on November 3, 1894. Among the books in that collection was a history of Freemasonry in Indiana, written by Brother HACKER in longhand.

He also wrote a history of Lafayette and Shelby Lodge No. 28 written in longhand. This history is in possession of Shelby Lodge. It contains numerous biographies of most of the early members of the Lodge.

Perhaps the outstanding achievement of William HACKER was the collection, compilation, and printing of the early Proceedings of Grand Lodge. The historian Daniel McDonald wrote that "when he began the work some of the records were lost and others were on detached slips of paper without order or system in their arrangement." The collection begins in 1817 and runs through 1845.

He served as Master of his Lodge 20 years, and in several offices of Grand Lodge, including Grand Master two years and Grand Secretary three years. In the Royal Arch Chapter he was High Priest nine years and Grand High Priest four years. In the Council of Cryptic Masons he served eight years as Illustrious Master and six years as Grand Master. In the Commandery he was Eminent Commander two years.

Brother HACKER received the Scottish Rite degrees by communication in Indianapolis on May 25, 1864. The 33rd° was conferred on him through special authorization of the Supreme Council November 18, 1885.

He died July 29, 1891, after a long period of failing health. The funeral was held at his residence July 31. The Grand Lodge of Indiana performed the regular funeral ritual and Baldwin Commandery No. 2 escorted the remains to Forest Hill Cemetery, where, Nicholas R. Ruckle, Grand Master, presided.

The home of Brother HACKER, at 39 East Mechanic Street in Shelbyville erected in 1849, has been remodeled many times, but the walls are the same.

trustees for sum set up for children of his son, William A. **HACKER**. His Masonic jewelry and emblems are mentioned in his bequests. (a picture of his home and his picture are in HCPD library)

Executor was not listed; Witnesses: Samuel P. **McCREA** and Everett E. **STROUP**.

Shelby Co WB 2 pp. 376-9.

Mary Ann's Will: Mentions the children of her son, William A. **HACKER**; her grandson Garnett **FLEMING**; her deceased husband William and J.A. & \_\_\_ L. **CONREY**, and First National Bank Stock. Witnesses: Everet E. **STROUP** and G.W.F. **KIRK**.

Shelby-Co WB 4 pp.233-5.

- 1.1. Mary Malvina **HACKER**, b. 27-Oct-1839, d. 9-Apr-1845.
- 1.2. Caroline Amanda **HACKER**, b. 16-Mar-1841. She married Thomas Jefferson **RANDALL**, married 27-Dec-1864 in Shelby Co, IN. Caroline died ??-Sep-1821.
- 1.3. Frances Ann **HACKER**, b. 10-Sep-1842, d. 9-Apr-1845.
- 1.4. William Henry **HACKER**, b. 7-Jan-1844, d. 10-Apr-1845.
- 1.5. Frances Malvina **HACKER**, b. 6-Apr-1846. She married Robert **CORNELIUS**, married 2-May-1867 in Shelby Co, IN. Frances died 30-Aug-1878.
- 1.6. Eliza V. **HACKER**, b. 17-Nov-1849 in Shelbyville, Shelby Co, IN. She married Chas. Wm. Thorp Buttolph "TB" **JENNINGS**, married 7-Nov-1872 in Shelbyville, Shelby Co, IN, b. 16-Sep-1848 in **FLEMING** Co, KY, (son of Charles Pierson **JENNINGS** and Gertrude **GOVERNEUR BURNET**) d. 7-Nov-1925 in Topeka, Shawnee Co, KS, buried: in Lebo, Coffey Co, KS. Eliza died 9-Feb-1936 in Topeka, Shawnee Co, KS, buried: in Lebo, Coffey Co, KS.

T.B. was Protestant Episcopal, as was Eliza.

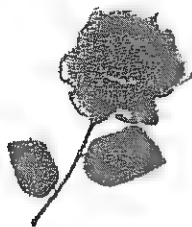
- 1.6.1. Charles W. **BURNETTJENNINGS**, b. 29-Jul-1876. He married Hermione **PRATT**, married 17-Jun-1914 in Topeka, Shawnee Co, KS. Charles died 1-Jan-1949 in Topeka, Shawnee Co, KS.
- 1.6.2. Mary Gertrude **JENNINGS**, b. 2-Jan-1883 in Springfield, IL. She married F. A. **REHKOPF**, married 28-Oct-1906 in Topeka, Shawnee Co, KS, b. 28-Mar-1876 in Chicago, IL, d.

1.9. Laura May **HACKER**, b. 10-Sep-1853. She married Coughy **FLEMING**, married 30-Nov-1881 in Shelby Co, IN. Laura died 24-Aug-1931.

1.9.1. Garnett **FLEMING**.

1.10. Clara Belle **HACKER**, b. 10-Jun-1856. She married J. A. **CONROY**, married 17-Oct-1878 in Shelby Co, IN. Clara died 3-Jul-1938.

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## MEMBER DENZIL STILWELL PASSES

WESTON — Perry Denzil **STILWELL** Jr., 74, of Glenville, WV, and Cheverly, MD, died Friday, October 21, 2011, at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, Weston, WV.

He was born March 26, 1937, in Burnsville, WV, a son of the late Perry Denzil **STILWELL** Sr. and Marjorie **McNEMER ALLISON**.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one half-brother, Denzil Martin **STILWELL**; and his stepfather, Russell **ALLISON**.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen **LYNCH STILWELL**; one son, Phillip Hays **STILWELL**; three half brothers, John **STILWELL** and wife Nora of Texas, Carl **STILWELL** of Romney, WV, and Rusty Allison and wife Melissa of Weston; two half-sisters, Edna **STILWELL RIEVE** and husband Horace of Texas and Susie Allison **MONRO** and husband Jim of Ohio; his stepmother, Gene **STILWELL** of Roanoke, WV; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. **STILWELL** was a graduate of Burnsville High School, attended Glenville College, and received his bachelor's degree from West Virginia University and his master's degree from American University of Washington D.C.

He retired as a physicist from the Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C.

He was a member of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Interment will follow in K of P Cemetery, Burnsville.

# A Tribute to Master Genealogist C. M.(Charlie) Johnson

by L. Neil Johnson



C.M. JOHNSON & His Siblings

Front row, l-r, Marie & Maurice.  
Back Row, l-r, C.M., Burke and  
William Howard

"You can call me C. M. or you can call me Charlie but you doesn't have to call me **JOHNSON**" is a paraphrase of the line of a television advertisement from the late 1970s or 1980s. You might remember the goofy guy floating on an inner-tube in a swimming pool smoking a cigar but this image was not C. M. **JOHNSON**. C. M. did have a name issue but he was far from goofy. He was a very accomplished genealogist and sowed the seeds of interest in

family history in many, including me. I remember being very young, somewhere in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade range, and seeing names

of ancestors in the family Bible. I had some interest in family history at that time, but it did not flourish until much later.

But back to the name issue. C. M. was born in Gassaway. West Virginia, in 1907 and was simply named Charles **JOHNSON**. In the early 1930s, he was in Pennsylvania working in the coal mines of McKeesport when he had trouble with his mail because of other Charles **JOHNSONS**. He decided to add McDougal as a middle name; and, voila, Charles M. **JOHNSON** was born. After working in the Pennsylvania coal mines for a time, he returned to West Virginia to work for the rest of his career.

Prior to his career as a coal miner he had an interesting youth in Gassaway. He had seven siblings and they all attended school in



I think his youthful indiscretions were an embarrassment for him at this point in his life. I remember my aunt at Sunday dinner kidding him about his youth and my father not thinking her comments were very funny. He did not want his young children to know about his early mistakes.

I think the interest in family genealogy was always present with C. M. but it really took hold in the 1960s. He started doing research the hard way. He would write letters seeking information and would travel to libraries in Virginia and West Virginia doing family research. In this way he accumulated considerable information about our family.

He corresponded with Dr. Lorand **JOHNSON** of Shaker Heights, Ohio, who was a prolific **JOHNSON** researcher. Dr. Lorand **JOHNSON** did research in America and Scotland and wrote numerous books on the **JOHNSON** family in America. These contacts helped C. M. expand his own research and he discovered some interesting facts about the **JOHNSON** family.

C. M. discovered that my 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandmother, Martha Carter **JOHNSON**, was buried next to Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where I was attending at the time and where I received my bachelors and masters degrees.

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West Virginia. **RADCLIFF** family is: James and Rebecca **SCHOOLCRAFT RADCLIFF**/ Henry Franklin and Priscilla **HENLINE RADCLIFF** . Any info on the families of brothers and sisters of these lines are most appreciated, also. Joann **ERICKSON**, 2637 Shady Lane, North Pole, AK 99705 [erickson@mosquitonet.com](mailto:erickson@mosquitonet.com)

7. Seeking dates and burial location of Nancy **STRALEY KING**, wife of Cornelius, and children. Cornelius **KING**, d. 1862, is buried at McWhorter Cemetery. Four children of Cornelius and Nancy are in Lewis Co. death records for 1858; another daughter in 1856. I have Nancy as daughter of George Christian **STRALEY** and Elizabeth **BONNETT**. Kate **JACQUES**, 1134 Buckley Lane, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342 [kjacques@alltech.com](mailto:kjacques@alltech.com)

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## **RUSSELL-BLACKWOOD CORRECTION**

FROM HCJ, VOL. XXIX, ISS. 3, P. 13

Who Was the Mysterious John Randolph "Jack" Russell?

Over the past several years there has been much controversy over the name/ and/ or/ alias of the originator of the **RUSSELL** family that lived in Evergreen, Upshur County, WV. during the late 1800s and early 1900s. Several cousins have researched the name of JOHN RANDOLPH "JACK" **RUSSELL** and we now have proof that he was in fact JOHN **BLACKWOOD** of New Jersey, born 18 Sep 1838 in Dromara, County Down, Ireland. Documentation has been found that place him, along with his father, step-mother and sister, coming to America in 1841 aboard the ship, Isaac Newton. Agnes, his sister, was thought to have died at sea. She is on the docket, but isn't in the 1850 NJ census record. There is an X beside her name on the docket.

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# **Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants Life Members (Continued)**

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Carol Powell  
Clarence I. & Lois Bartlett Price  
Ardell Ratliff  
Dennis Rodgers  
Beecher & Betty Rhoades  
Joe & Erseline Rumbach  
Esther DeHaven Schilling  
Neva R. Shaffer  
Barbara Shaver  
The late Rosella Sheets  
The late Dot Sipe  
Louise Slaton  
The late Chester Steyer  
The late Hartzel Strader  
Joy Strader Mealey  
Boyd L. "Rocky" Swisher  
The late Raydine Teicheira and the  
late Joe Teicheira  
The late Mrs. Byron J. Turner  
Patricia & Bernard Viellenave  
Hilda Warner and the late Darrell  
Warner  
The late Glea Waugh  
Raymond & the late Bonnie Ware  
The late Christine White  
William I. White  
Cary L. & Donna Williams  
Don Wills and the late Ginger Wills  
Eleanor Allman & the late Lee  
Wiseman  
Raymond Wolfe, Jr.  
Leonard Woodruff